

STATE AND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT, JOBS AND TRADE —
AGENT GENERAL AND TRADE COMMISSIONERS

961. Ms L. Mettam to the Premier; Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade; Public Sector Management; Federal–State Relations:

I refer to the article “WA’s Agent General and Trade Commissioners return to Perth” posted on November 23, 2023 on the WA State Government website investandtrade.wa.gov.au/news-events/news which states “Western Australia’s Agent General and Trade and Investment Commissioners are back in Perth for the first time since they were first deployed overseas in 2021.”, and I ask:

- (a) Can you confirm, as stated in the article, that this was in fact the first return to Perth for the Agent General and the Commissioners since their deployment in 2021;
- (b) If the Agent General or Commissioners have returned to Western Australia at other times since their deployment in 2021, what are the dates and duration of those trips.; and
- (c) How many days have the Agent General and each Commissioner spent in Western Australia since they were first deployed overseas?

Mr R.H. Cook replied:

- (a) Yes. This was the first collective meeting of the Agent General and Investment and Trade Commissioner’s in Western Australia since their deployment in 2021.
- (b)–(c) Travel to Western Australia by the Agent General and Investment and Trade Commissioners since their deployment is outlined in the table below.

Name	Dates spent in Western Australia since deployment*	Number of days spent in Western Australia since deployment*
Ms Juan Le	27 Sep 2023 – 8 Oct 2023 8 Dec 2023 – 6 Jan 2024	42
Ms Nashid Chowdhury	26 Oct 2022 – 1 Nov 2022 10 Apr 2023 – 18 Apr 2023 18 Jun 2023 – 28 Jun 2023 8 Nov 2023 – 18 Nov 2023	38
Ms Nicole Fasana	4 Dec 2022 – 14 Dec 2022 27 Apr 2023 – 6 May 2023 25 Jul 2023 – 8 Aug 2023 8 Nov 2023 – 19 Nov 2023 26 Jan 2024 – 1 Feb 2024	55
Mr John Langoulant AO	4 Aug 2022 – 6 Sep 2022 21 Oct 2022 – 1 Nov 2022 12 Mar 2023 – 28 Mar 2023 11 Nov 2023 – 13 Dec 2023	97

*Includes travel days to and from Western Australia, weekends, annual leave taken while in Western Australia and personal or medical related reasons in line with employment contracts.